OIL has shown increasing trend during the last three years. There has also been expansion in their exploration and production activities through new exploration and developmental projects.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Funds to Assam For EAS Blocks

2199. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the district-wise allotment of funds for EAS blocks of Assam;

(b) what is block-wise allotment of funds for EAS blocks in Cachar, Hailakadi and Karimganj district;

(c) whether MLAs and MPs of the EAS block area are involved in the process of allocation of funds for various projects; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There is no fixed allotment of funds, district-wise under EAS because EAS is a demand driven scheme. A district can request for next instalment after utilising more than 50% of the available funds.

(b) The first instalment of 1996-97 could not be released to the districts of Assam because the State Government did not release the Stae share for the second instalment for 1995-96 and they have not provided block-wise availability and expenditure of funds. However, adhoc funds released to the newly included blocks to introduce the scheme in Cachar, Hilakadi and Karimganj districts is at (statement *(see below)*

(c) and (d) In accordance with the EAS guidelines, the State Governments are required constitute District EAS Committees where EAS is being implemented. Prominent elected representatives i.e. MPs & MLAs and NGOs may be included in these Committees. These Committees have power to supervise the implementation of EAS.

Statement

Rs. in lakhs

DISTRICT	BLOCK	AMOUNT RELEASED
CACHAR	1. Borkhola	20.00
	2. Kalain	20.00
	3. Katigorah	20.00
	4. Palmghat	20.00
	5. Rajabazar	20.00
	6. Silchar	20.00
		Total — 120.00
HAILAKADI	1. Algapur	20.00
KARIMGANJ	1. Dullarcherra	20.00
	2. Lowaripowa	20.00
	3. South Karimganj	20.00
		Total — 60.00